GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CASES OF RABIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether thousands of people died due to rabies every year in the country;

(b) if so, whether anti-rabies immunisation have been found to be very old one and new techniques of immunisation systems have been ignored by the Government;

(c) whether the Doctors at various Central Government Hospitals in the country have also urged the Government to adopt new system in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): India has been identified by the World Health Organisation under the high incidence category for rabies in the South East Asian region.

(b)to(d): The neural tissue vaccine is being produced in 10 centres and is available free of cost in antirabies treatment centres in the Government set up throughout the country. This vaccines is very effective in prevention of rabies; however it has some associated side effects.
Tissue culture Anti Rabies Vaccine (TCARV) based on newer technology is manufactured in the public sector unit of National Dairy Development Board (Deptt. of Animal Husbandry & Dairying) at Udagamandalam.The remaining Anti Rabies Vaccine production institutes in the public sector are also encouraged to switch over their production to TCAVR.